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finding out that they're probably not going to need all this \$1.5 million, so they have come to us requesting that they could use some of that money to be used to install measuring devices, meters as you will, on their surface water wells, or the wells pumping out of the river. And that's essentially what LB 1069 does. It has the support of the Department of Water Resources and was passed unanimously out of committee, although I must admit three members were absent. But I think, if they would have been there, they would have voted for this bill. The Natural Resources Committee didn't have too many bills prioritized this year. Certainly it would be more desirable not to have to do this to LB 900, but I think it's a small provision, and I think it's something we need to do to give the Republican River Basin the tools to measure their surface water wells as they are involved in this lawsuit with Kansas. So, with that, if you have any questions, I'll try to answer them. Appreciate your time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers, on the Schrock amendment to LB 900. Senator Chambers waives off. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close. Senator Schrock waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM2541 to LB 900. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 900 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is the advancement of LB 900 to E & R. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: LB 900A, Senator Smith, I have no amendments to the